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Robotics exhibit sure to provide weekend entertainment

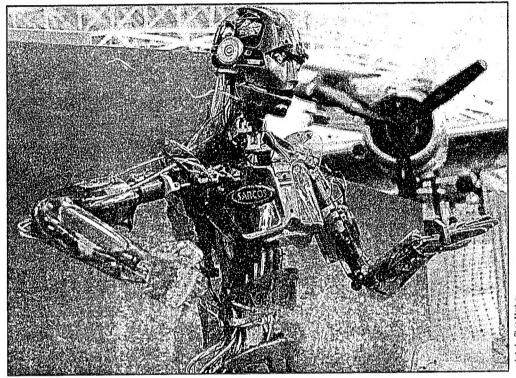
Veronica Wortman

Put your Transformers back in the toy box and get introduced to Sarcos. Sarcos, the animatron tour guide, starts the exploration of the Robotics exhibit off right with his celebrity impression, varied voice accents and a programmed sense of humor.

Through the end of April, the Strategic Air and Space Museum hosts Robotics, a Carnegie Science Center exhibit. This 6,000 square foot display provides hands-on experience in using and applying the latest technology. Visitors are encouraged to explore and develop a new view of robots and witness the differences between robotics' and humans' roles in today's society.

Carolyn Anderson, director of marketing and outreach at the museum, said one of the themes is answering questions concerning when robots are better off doing jobs and when humans are more fit for the task.

In 1994, NASA created Dante II to withstand the heat and dangerous conditions endured during research at Alaska's Mt. Spurr. Sparing many scientists' lives, Dante II proved that a machine was needed to do a human's job.



No, it's not T-800 from The Terminator. It's Sarcos, your robotic guide to the SAC Museum's Robotics exhibition, running now through the end of April.

Walking further into the exhibit, visitors can witness a more athletic robot. A machine with a 7-foot arm shoots baskets with a 99-percent accuracy rate.

"When you have a robot that can

repeatedly shoot and make baskets, I don't know, it just isn't as exciting as watching a real athlete," UNO sophomore Nikki Kuhl said. "A robot is programmed to make those shots, whereas there is more merit with a

human because the accuracy is achieved through practice and therein lies the excitement factor."

Both cases are argued very well through all of the 21 components of this grand display of science application. Visitors of all ages were entertained as many simulated the amount of effort that is exerted for a robot to do certain jobs, such as tying a shoe or drawing a picture. Many realized that robots were more than just toys.

This proved true for Alexander Dugas, 8, of Lincoln. Dugas spent a month building his own robots from a Robotrics set he received for Christmas. His own opinion of the exhibit was one of great approval.

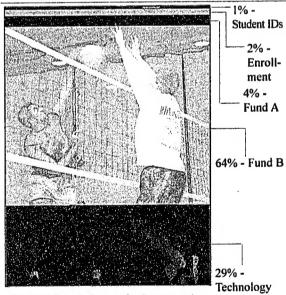
"It's pretty neat to see how everything works," he said.

His mother, Sharon Dugas, was excited to bring her son to the exhibit.

"I had been to the Carnegie Science Center in Pittsburgh and when I saw they were behind this, I wanted to bring the kids," she said.

Any visitor will leave with a newfound idea of robots and see some eve-opening technological advances all in one visit. If you aren't quite sure

about going, you should at least consider giving Sarcos a few minutes of your time; you might like what he has to say. (2)



Student fees help pay for intramural sports such as volleyball.

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Student fees -- where do they go?

Kristin Zagurski

Imagine you're an average full-time student taking 12 credit hours this semester.

Assuming you're a Nebraska resident and thus pay a tuition rate of \$92.75 per credit hour, you might also assume your bill for the semester would be around \$1,113.

When you get your bill in the mail, you will find that your estimate is far off.

If your estimate was \$1,113, as in the example above, you will find that your bill is actually closer to \$1,319 more than \$200 more than your original estimate.

That's assuming you're not a new student. If that is the case, you will have to pay \$50 more than every other student.

What's the reason for that difference? Student fees. Every student taking classes at UNO is subject to pay , but did you know you might be entitled to a refund of them? Or do you know what they actually pay for?

Read on if you'd like to find out.

What fees?

According to the Cashiering and Student Accounts Web site, "Student fees for UNO on-campus ... courses include a \$2 photo ID fee, a \$50 flat UPF fee, a \$7.50 per credit hour UPF fee, a \$4 enrollment services fee and a \$5 per credit hour technology fee."

Those enrolled in off-campus and distance courses are not subject to UPF fees, but are required to pay all other What is a UPF fee?

UPF stands for University Programs and Facilities. According to the Cashiering and Student Accounts Web site, UPF fees are divided into two funds.

Fund A monies (\$8 per student) support the Student Government and its agencies, including the Student Programming Association and The Gateway.

The Board of Regents mandated that part of the Fund A fees be available for refund upon request.

Forms for applying for a refund are available in the administrative offices of the Milo Bail Student Center during the third through sixth week of each semester, so if you want to try and obtain a refund, now is the time to act.

Fund B monies go toward services, staff salaries, maintenance and additional items designated by the chancellor.

Some Fund B-supported agencies include: Campus Recreation, the Milo Bail Student Center, men's and women's athletics, campus musical groups and Student Health Services.

Fund B fees are non-refundable unless the class upon which they are charged is dropped within the first week of the semester.

The maximum UPF fee charged to any student in a semester is \$140. This includes the \$50 flat fee and the per credit rate, which caps off at 12 credit hours.

What do technology fee monies provide?

According to the Cashiering and Student Accounts Web site, the technology fee began being assessed in the fall of 1998. The purpose of the fee is to provide educational information technology resources to students.

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Financial fears could fade with funding

Kristin Logan

Last school year in Nebraska, 57 percent of the total \$6 million of the state's scholarship money went to students attending private universities.

Although the majority of funds went to students attending private colleges, the overwhelming majority of Nebraska college students attend state universities.

In 1998, nearly four times as many students attending college in Nebraska (88,852) attended public universities as private ones, whose enrollment was 21,006.

This disproportionate allocation of funds has prompted the Nebraska state legislature to request a review of grant programs by the Nebraska Coordinating Commission for Post-secondary Education.

The CCPE, responsible for statewide planning for postsecondary education in the state, is comprised of 11 commissioners who are appointed by the governor and approved by the legislature.

"We are not suggesting that private colleges are getting too much," David Powers, executive director of the CCPE, said. "We are saying that public colleges are getting too little. The public schools aren't getting enough to get them at the national average."

Currently, financial aid is being distributed to needy students through three programs.

One of the three programs is for private school students only, and the remaining two are for public and private school students.

Just as one program has been set aside solely for private school students, the CCPE has recommended that a program be made exclusive to public school students.

Separate programs for both public and private school students and one mixed program, for both public and private, would simplify future legislative action in the fair allocation of funds.

For example, Powers said, "The discussions that were held last session made it look like there were institutions that needed student aid and senators wanted to give them more student aid, but they didn't have a mechanism to do it."

As a long-term goal, Powers said that the CCPE was aiming to grant public colleges 59 percent of funds, leaving 41 percent for private schools.

This goal, he said, is "more near to states that have programs like ours and those of the national average. Until we get there, in the intermediate years, we think 72 percent should go to the public sector."

While the CCPE recommended that public universities get more funding for needy students, it did not hope to do so

by taking monies away from private school students.

In a bid where "everyone wins," he said the commission was suggesting that total state aid should eventually go up from "about \$7 million to \$19 million."

If the goal of \$19 million is met, public scholarship funds would rise from its current \$2.4 million to about \$11 million and private from \$4.5 to \$7.8 million, reaching the proposed split of 59 percent to public and 41 to private.

Another recommendation from the CCPE was for the public sector to help the state in making the initial adjustments to their aid in a matching program.

Ideally, public institutions will be able to raise \$1 million in private money and non-state funds to match the \$2 million that will be provided by the state.

As for where this money would come from, Powers said: "Probably the University of Nebraska Foundation would be the lead, they usually are ... they might raise that much by themselves."

The CCPE's recommendations will be reviewed by the legislature Feb. 4.

If the proposals are accepted, structural changes to the designated allocation programs could be made immediately, but because of budgeting constraints, funds to needy students would not likely increase until July 2003. 3

Gateway Photo Poll

How much do you pay in fees?



Nick Rosenberry, Junior "I'm an engineering student. We pay a lot --\$100, \$150, something like that."



Hillary Hunke, Freshman 'Too much!



Crystal McFall, Freshman "Probably \$200."



ohoto poll by Josh Williamson

Nedu Igbokwe, Senior "Maybe \$100? I don't know exactly, but I pay everything I'm supposed to."



Charlotte Stensaas, Graduate Student 'Somewhere around \$200.



lke Chima Senior "Twenty percent? Something like that."

Speaker Kunjufu discusses African American life in the U.S.

Robert Tisdel

"There are fundamental differences between training and education. If you are trained you become the employee, and if you are educated you become the employer. If you are trained you have a J.O.B. (if you're lucky!). If you are educated you have a career. If you are trained you have been taught to memorize, if you are educated you have been

The above quote is taken from the book Countering the Conspiracy to Destroy Black Boys by Jawanza Kunjufu. Kunjufu, president of Chicago-based communications company African American Images and motivational speaker will be here at UNO to help celebrate Black History Month. Kunjufu will address the topic of "Survival of the Black Race in the 21st Century."

He has written more than 20 books on uplifting African Americans, economic survival, raising black children, education and self respect within the black community,

Kunjufu presents many lectures around the country, speaking to children, teachers, college students of all levels, and adults. He also serves as an educational adviser to Sesame Street and BET's Teen Summit.

He raises questions about what we can do ourselves to improve the "black situation" here in America; not only what has happened to us in our past, but what we need to do for ourselves to help ensure a better future.

Two strong themes in Kunjufu's published books that stand out are education and economic stability. Kunjufu attended Illinois State University and Union Graduate School, where he obtained degrees in both economics and business. His books on economics help explain in layman's terms solid business practices and solidarity within the

Kunjufu has spent time considering the issues slowing down the intellectual growth of African American college students: looking to sports for a way out, teen pregnancy, the selling of drugs and attaining the almighty dollar too fast and too soon.

Kunjufu will be here Monday, Feb. 4, at 11:30 a.m. in the Nebraska Room of the Milo Bail Student Center. @

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UNO launches Web site, connects citizens and government officials

Josie Loza

UNO introduced a new interactive Web site on Jan. 28 with hopes of bridging the gap between Nebraska citizens and state leaders.

The Web www.nebraskapolicychoice.org, will be used to gather polls and discussion pieces from Nebraskans through a data center housed at the Peter Kiewit Institute on UNO's south campus, said Russell Smith, chairman of UNO's Department of Public Administration.

UNO partnered with Discover Why Inc., a Boston-based Internet research company, in developing surveys.

"I don't know of another university in the country that is taking the same approach that we are taking," Smith said.

Each survey will include a strong educational component, Smith said. "Virtual classrooms" will be developed for each survey, which will contain background information on the survey topic and links to informative sites.

The first survey focused on the taxing and spending choices facing Nebraska State government.

After answering a few basic questions, survey participants will enter a "virtual classroom" developed for the survey.

Once participants enter the classroom, they will be able to view interviews with legislative leaders and information compiled by the Nebraska Unicameral's Legislative Fiscal

Smith said approximately 400 Nebraska Internet users completed the first survey. The results of the survey are available on the Web site. Smith said the results will also be shared with state officials and other leaders.

'We're hoping the site will give legislatures and policy makers more feedback from citizens," Smith said.

Future surveys will be based on health care, interstate development and corrections issues.

Smith said the Web site has gradually taken shape and hopes that it will get people interested to take surveys online.

"The Internet gives a whole new venue for doing something like this," Smith said.

The site will also include articles

and opinion pieces relating to Nebraska issues written by faculty members, state leaders and

The development of the Web site involved the efforts of undergraduate and graduate students at UNO. Students and faculty members will gain hands-on experience by managing the

"As this focus group grows, it will take a lot of managing," Smith said. "Such technical support activity will create new jobs for students."

The Web site is a joint project of UNO's College of Public Affairs Community Service, the College of Information Science and Technology, UNO Television KVNO 90.7 FM and Discover Why Inc. @



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Robot fighting time

Brian Brashaw

Sheet metal goes flying, tires are ripped from their wheels and plastic shells fly at the hands of the malicious kill saws. Just another day in the world of Battlebots.

Battlebots seemed like a chance idea three years ago. It seemed laughable that the thought of spending thousands of dollars on robot killing machines for the sole purpose of destruction of said machines would turn out to be one of the biggest television hits since South Park. Nobody is laughing anymore. Ironically, the show is aired on Comedy Central.

The general gist is that one builds a remote-controlled robot good enough to withstand the punishment it may incur at the hands of other robots. To do this, the modus operandi has included building hunks of metal equipped with saw blades, swinging arms and lift kits that can propel 250-pound robots up to six feet into the air. The bots duel inside the battle arena that has deadly possibilities of its own. To be compatible with a Comedy Central audience, the network has recruited a cast of commentators that give an air of lightheartedness to all the destruction. Those things make up the combination that has developed into a robo-nerd subculture.

Battlebots has grown to be so popular that it is now aired in four different countries. Bots come from all over the world, including the United Kingdom, Australia and even Japan.

The robots themselves are the essential element of the show. There are four weight classes (super heavyweight, heavyweight, middleweight lightweight) and round-robin competition until the "Tournament of Death," which is the single elimination playoff toward the ultimate award, "The Big Golden Nut."

Wedges are one of the breeds of robots that have come under a lot of scrutiny. They are boring bots whose design purpose resembles that of a bully with no real muscle. They ramp opponents off their bodies and shove them around the arena

for the purpose of taking advantage of the arena's self-contained weapons. Other bots actually use imagination.

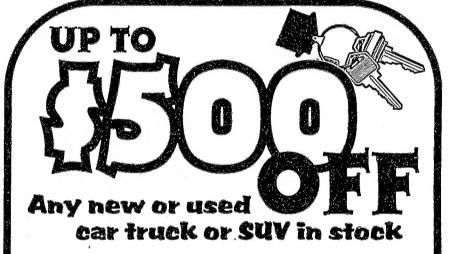
Biohazard, from Belmont, Calif., has won 17 matches and two Golden Nuts. Biohazard combines the wedge idea and adds a lifting arm that has rendered opponents stuck like a turtle on their backs.

Others exist for sole entertainment purposes. Chinchilla is a wedge bot that has a picture of Jay Leno's face on the front with his chin as the wedge. Though it creates laughs, the design has yet to result

The arena has a personality of its own. The Battlebox, as it's affectionately called, can itself be the downfall of the bot. The box has four pneumatic smashing arms in each corner that can flatten a bot. Many wedges win by pushing opponents under these sledgehammers. In periodic places around the floor are four pairs of kill saws. The saws pop up out of the floors and grind titanium shells apart. The walls of the box are lined with spikes and augers and more spikes lay in the floors and operate like the saws.

Calling all the action are the Battlecasters. Bill Dwyer is the play-byplay man. His credentials include former host of the now-defunct Ultimate Fan League, a sports trivia show that aired on Fox Sports and appearances in Ski School 2 and Ally McBeal. Dwyer also had his own half-hour comedy special on Comedy Central. His color-man is former NFL player Tim Green, who did some coanchoring for Fox Sports and has been dubbed the Renaissance Man of Sports, for what that's worth. The new beauty queen and new-viewer recruiter temptress is Carmen Electra, whose qualifications include a substantial rating on the "hot" scale.

Battlebots is in its fifth season and airs Tuesday nights on Comedy Central at 9 p.m. 🙉



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The Count of Monte Cristo

review by Bobby Camerlinck

"God will give me justice."

Words ... just words ... painstakingly carved into the rock wall of a cell where you will spend the next nightmarish 13 years.

These words were never more prophetic than in Touchstone Pictures' production of *The Count of Monte Cristo*

Alexandre Dumas' classic tale of vengeance, love and adventure opened in theaters Feb. 1. The film tells the story of the naive young sailor Edmond Dantes (Jim Caviezel) and how his passion for the beautiful young Mercedes (Dagmara Dominczyk) is torn apart by the betrayal of his childhood friend, Fernand (Guy Pierce).

Australian-born actor Pierce impressively portrays the role of Fernand. He does an incredible job of making you hate his wormy little character from beginning to end. Fernand is highly condescending, pompous, a tad feminine and extremely envious of the trusting Edmond. (Yep, he sounds French to me.)

After an encounter with Napoleon during his exile in Elba, Edmond agrees to help the half-pint dictator get a letter to one of his friends in France. The illiterate sailor never cheeks the letter's content and never reveals his secret to anyone. Unfortunately, a bitter little buddy —

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Blue Barn presents The Ice-Fishing Play

preview by Kelly A. McCoy

For those of you crazy enough to miss the icy cold weather Nebraska normally offers at this time of year, pine no more! Downtown Omaha's Blue Barn Theatre is prepared to offer you a peek into a world cold enough to make you wish you'd worn long johns to see *The Ice-Fishing Play* by Kevin Kling.

The play, which runs through Feb. 24, is set in a fishing resort on a Minnesota lake. Its protagonist is Ron, the owner of the fishing resort. With the hope of catching "the big one," Ron drives his truck out to his ice-fishing house on the night of the biggest blizzard of the century.

"As soon as he gets out of his truck and gets into the ice house, his truck falls through the ice," artistic director Kevin Lawler says. "So he's stranded out there on the ice."

Ron proceeds to take inventory of his life, as any stranded man might. Kling provides an interesting twist to the standard monologue one might expect, however.

"As he spends the night out there through this blizzard ... people from his life come to the icehouse and talk to him and kind of rework his life," Lawler says. "It's a little bit like the movie It's a Wonderful Life, except it's a bit darker and a bit funnier."

Lawler says the theater chose to do The Ice-Fishing



Duffer (played by Greg Ward, left) and his brother Ron (played by Jerry Longe) try to catch the "big one" that has been eluding them all their lives.

Play because of its script.

"Just because the whole script itself is such a great journey, and it really recreates a whole world not a lot of people get a chance to go into this world — ice-fishing and inside an ice-fishing house," he says. "And then it uses such great comedy and drama combined. It'll be a superb evening of theater."

The play will show Thursday through Sunday nights. Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$12 for students.

Are You an Aspiring Artist? Do You Need an Exhibit Space? Student Government is offering any UNO student artist

a chance to display their work for a month in the

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For Further Information

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The cheap and the choice

compiled by Holly Lukasiewicz

CONCERTS:

Friday, Feb. 1
The Daybirds & others at Music Box, 8

Smith Victer & others at Sokol

Underground, 9 p.m.

Down to Here at Arena Sports Bar, 9 p.m. Disconnected & others at Ranch Bowl, 7

Five Story Fall at Howard St., 9 p.m. Dueling Pianists at D.J.'s Dugout, 9 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 2

The Get at 49'er, 9:30 p.m. Spiral Locomotive at Music Box, 9 p.m. Down to Here at Arena Sports Bar, 9 p.m. System Failure & others at Ranch Bowl, 8

Bitterview at Howard St., 9 p.m. Dueling Pianists at D.J.'s Dugout, 9 p.m.

Sunday, Feb. 3

Hedder & others at Ranch Bowl, 9 p.m. Down to Here at Arena Sports Bar, 2 p.m. Spiral Locomotive at McCormack's, 3 p.m.

Monday, Feb. 4 Open Mic at Stage Right, 8-10 p.m.

Tuesday, Feb. 5 Brian Joens at McFoster's Karaoke at Arena Sports Bar, 7 p.m. Wesley Willis & others at Sokol Underground, 8 p.m. Gravisan at Ranch Bowl Dust for Life & others at Music Box, 8 p.m.

Wednesday, Feb. 6 Unity Fest at Ranch Bowl, 8 p.m. Strange Pleasures at Music Box, 9 p.m.

Thursday, Feb. 7 Jazz Trio at McFoster's Jazz Night at 49'er Dueling Pianists at D.J.'s Dugout, 9 p.m. Hadden Sayers at Music Box, 6 p.m.

OTHER HAPPENINGS:

Star Shows at UNO Planetarium every Sat. & Sun., 1 & 2:30 p.m.

Alternative Film Series at Omaha History Center, every Wed. at 7:30 p.m. Free Dance Lessons at Bushwacker's,

every Wed. & Fri. night
Poetic Fusions at Grooves, every Sun.
Confetti at The Rose, thru Feb. 3
The leve-Fishing Play at The Blue Barn.

Confetti at The Rose, thru Feb. 3
The Ice-Fishing Play at The Blue Barn, thru Feb. 24

The Shaughraun at Brigit Saint Brigit Theatre, thru Feb. 24

Over the River and Through the Woods at The Playhouse, thru Feb. 17 Otello at Orpheum, Feb. 1 & 3

The Foreigner at Dundee Dinner Theatre, thru Feb. 16

From Shelterbelt with Love at Shelterbelt, thru Feb. 17

Zig Jackson photography at Lied Center, thru Feb. 10

Kutak Rock Collection at UNO Art Gallery, thru Feb. 8

Peace of Art at Artists' Co-Op, thru Feb. Painted and Printed #5 at Gallery 72, thru

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Fernand — saw him get the letter.

The honest Edmond keeps his promise of silence to Napoleon but never gets around to delivering the letter. After a brief encounter with his true love, Mercedes, Edmond is turned in as a traitor by his best friend, Fernand. Fernand is secretly trying to steal Mercedes away from Edmond and jail looks like an easy way to eliminate the competition.

Sentenced to the infamous island prison Chateau D'If, Edmond abandons everything he ever believed in right and wrong and is consumed by a never-ending quest for vengeance.

His luck finally begins to change when another prisoner (Richard Harris) tunnels his way into Edmond's cell. The cell that was once his prison becomes his classroom. Edmond learns to read and write and, more importantly, how to fight ... oh, yeah, he also learns the location of an enormous treasure on the island of Monte

With help from the other prisoner, the French sailor escapes his island prison and can now begin exacting revenge on the scheming little bastard who put him in jail.

After escaping prison, swimming to shore and winning the first French knife fight that wasn't over the dinner table, Edmond's life finally has focus. He no longer will be tossed around like driftwood. He decides to use the hidden treasure of Monte Cristo to destroy the man who manipulated and enslaved him.

The swashbuckling action of the film brings the excitement of Dumas' novel to life and you can't help but want this poor French guy get some payback. The audience actually began clapping at the screen during one specific point in the film where Edmond punishes one conspirator in ruthless fashion.

Never has French sailor revenge been so extreme or cunning. This time, you won't have any trouble walking after it's done. (3)



The fee is refundable at the same percentage as tuition if a class is dropped.

Departmental fees

In addition to the general fees, individual departments in the university may charge their own fees. Departments may deem fees necessary based on the cost of laboratory usage or material costs. Departmental fees are considered non-refundable.

Individual class fees range from \$2.50 in the English department up to \$326 in the foreign language department, where summer classes take a trip.

New student fee

Lastly, all first-time undergraduate students are charged

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U.F.R.O Project at The

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Bemis, thru Mar. 1

Feb. 4

Arena Sports Bar, 3809 N. Blue Barn Theatre, 614 S. 11th St. Bluffs Run Casino, 2701 23rd Ave, Council Bluffs. Club Chaos, 16th & O, Lincoln

Club Patricks, 765 N. 114th St. E'Z Place, 15761 W. Dodge Grande Olde Players, 2339

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and Leadership Programs located in the

Milo Bail Student Center

554-2711

a new student fee of \$50. This fee is used to help fund the Testing Center and the Office of New Student Orientation.

While some students, like freshman business major Sara McDonald, think the fees are "ridiculous," others are O.K. with them.

Jay Kline, a sophomore pre-law student, said, "The fees don't bother me so much really, because I assume it all goes to good use."

Unlike McDonald, who feels negatively about the fees because she said they simply add to the debt of those who take out student loans. Kline said, "Two hundred dollars isn't all that much when you figure out where the money goes and what you get out of it." (3)



The Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs

Nominations/applications are currently being accepted for the 2002 Vice Chancellor's Outstanding Leadership Award. This annual award recognizes an undergraduate student who has demonstrated exemplary leadership through influential participation in campus organizations and community volunteer work in addition to scholarly achievement.

The following items are necessary for the application/nomination to be processed:

Nomination Packets

These are available in the Student Organizations and Leadership Programs office located on the first floor of the Milo Bail Student Center.

- Nominator's Recommendation This needs to be completed and returned with the nomination form to Student Organizations and Leadership Programs by Friday, February 8,
 - Nominee's Application Returned by Friday, February 22, 2002
- The APPLICATION MUST BE PRESENTED TO THE NOMINEE BY THE NOMINATOR!

All nominees must be undergraduates enrolled at the University of Nebraska at Omaha, with a 2.5 GPA; graduating in December 2001 or May/August of 2002. If you have any questions regarding this award or to receive your nomination packet, please contact Student Organizations and Leadership Programs, located in the Milo Bail Student Center at 554-2711. This award will be presented at the Spring Honors Convocation in April.



sports

Coyotes, Mustangs await basketball team

Paul Freelend

Men's Baskethall

Head coach Kevin McKenna and his UNO men's basketball team will look to keep their winning streak alive as they travel to South Dakota and Morningside for weekend conference games.

UNO (17-5, 8-3 NCC) currently holds a three-game winning streak after last weekend's sweep of North Dakota and North Dakota State. The Mavericks' opponents, though, are in the midst of a different vein of fortune. South Dakota is coming off losses to South Dakota State and Augustana, while Morningside is mired in a nine-game losing skid.

McKenna said despite his team's good fortunes, the Mavericks had to guard against complacency entering into their play and he thought his team was successful in that pursuit.

"I think our guys have handled themselves very well so far," McKenna said. "They've been competitive in almost every game this season. We've been aggressive all season long and I think that's a direct reflection of our practices. Every day, our practices are competitive and energetic and I think that it shows during our games."

South Dakota led UNO 62-48 with nine minutes to play during their last meeting, but were outscored 29 to 8 and lost 77-70 in Omaha. UNO broke an eight-game losing streak to the Coyotes dating back to the 1996-97 season with the win.

McKenna said the Mavericks are not expecting much of a different look from South Dakota (14-5, 6-5) in their second meeting of the season.

"[South Dakota] are definitely a zone team," McKenna said. "They did it the whole time when we last played and we are expecting more of the same. We can't be complacent against them and we have to attack their zone if we want to be successful."

Morningside (3-16, 0-11) has struggled through the season due to a sudden talent defection. Many of the Mustangs' top players transferred once it was announced that this would be Morningside's last season in the North Central Conference before switching from NCAA Division II to the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics.

Despite that fact, McKenna said his team will treat the Mustangs with the same respect as any other opponent in the league

"You can't look past anyone in this league," McKenna said. "You have to respect every opponent and every person you go up against. You have to play as hard against the bottom teams as you would against teams like South Dakota State, because the minute you start disrespecting those teams is when they beat you."

UNO's games on Friday and Saturday are both scheduled for 8 p.m. tip-offs. $\ensuremath{\mathfrak{G}}$

The Raf report

Raf Czarnecki

Thinking of a Super Bowl theme three days before the biggest sporting event of the year is not as easy as one would think. Everywhere you look, there is a provocative angle or intriguing story that could be worthy of heading a big time Super Bowl preview. With endless possibilities, I found myself stuck in what we media types like to call "a jam."

Fortunately, before I had to take any drastic measures like doing research, I was awakened from my state of despair when I heard those three magical words: "get 'er done."

In the next two to five minutes, depending on your level of reading efficiency, I'll take you on an exhilarating ride through the Super Bowl's past, present and future. We'll look at the good, the ugly and the downright dirtiest games that have made the Super Bowl the number one ... hold it, thought I was doing an intro for one of those NFL Films Presents videos for a second there. Enough of this hoopla, it's theme time.

This year's Super Bowl theme came to me when I recalled the most popular question of the week. Ranging from the annoying clerk at Kum & Go to the persistent telemarketer who didn't

hear me the first three times, everybody is asking me the same question — "Who do you like on Sunday?"

That's right, my friends. They all come to Raf about advice on whether or not to take the two touchdown underdog New England Patriots or the mightiest team in all the land, the St. Louis Rams. My answer is simple: Everyone loses when you gamble. I would, however, bet on this to happen:

Super picks...

- Mariah Carey's rendition of the National Anthem will be watched a tad bit more closely by the male demographic who'll make up part of the estimated 130 million Super Bowl

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Mason to step down as MSU hockey coach

Brian Brashaw

Legendary Michigan State University hockey coach Ron Mason will be stepping down at the end of the season to take the job as the school's athletic director.

The news came as a shock to those in the college hockey world. Most people, including Mason's colleagues and college hockey fans, expected Mason to ride out his retirement coaching. Up until a couple of months ago, so did Mason.

"If you asked me this in September, when I was driving back from my cottage in the car — when fishing season is over, that's where I assess things — I would've said I'm going to coach as long as I can," Mason said at a recent press conference. "But things change and opportunities only come by every so often. This is a great

opportunity."

Mason's successor will be named at the end of the season.

Mason has been a head coach for 36 seasons and has compiled far more wins than any other head coach in the hockey world. Going into the season, he has 916 career wins, more than 600 at Michigan State alone. He has led the Spartans to 21 NCAA Tournament appearances in his 23 years, which is also a record. During his time with MSU, Mason had a 625-266-67 record, including a National Championship in 1986 and eight Frozen Four appearances.

Many coaches and players alike were shocked by the announcement.

UNO hockey head coach Mike Kemp said: "Personally, I find it disappointing because these are individuals who are so important to the growth of the game. That's a huge void to fill and one that is going to hurt the growth of our game, at least

temporarily."

Mason looks forward to the challenge that his new position as athletic director will bring.

"I'm looking forward to it as a challenge," Mason said. "I want the department to be well-respected and represent our school positively."

MSU is currently in first place in the CCHA, four points in front of second place Michigan and seven points ahead of third place UNO. Barring any unforeseen difficulties, the Spartans will most likely be making their 22nd appearance in the NCAA Tournament.

There was, for a moment, the idea that Mason could do both — coach and athletic director — but that notion didn't last long, as Mason came to the realization he could not do both well.

The Mason Cup, which is awarded to the CCHA Tournament champions, was named in Mason's honor last season.

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Indoor track holds its own against Division I foes

Paul Freelend

Track

UNO's indoor track team will pit itself against Division I competition for the second consecutive meet as the Mavericks travel to Cedar Falls, Iowa, for the Northern Iowa Invitational this weekend.

lowa State, Wisconsin-Milwaukee and the hosts will all try to make life difficult for the Mavericks, but it will not be the first time this season UNO has gone up against Division I teams.

Head coach Tim Hendricks separated his squad between meets at South Dakota and Iowa State last weekend. Hendricks said each meet offered different advantages for members of his team.

"We split the team up for last weekend's meets," Hendricks said. "We knew there were good jump pits at South Dakota, but the pits at lowa State weren't so good, so we sent our jumpers there. Also, we knew there would be stronger relays and sprints at the Iowa State meet, so we sent runners there because they would be pushed by the Division I competition and run faster times."

Hendricks' suspicions were proven

correct as his team turned in a number of outstanding performances, none more so than by jumper Melissa Meisinger. Meisinger, who was named North Central Conference female Track Athlete of the Week, turned in a jump of 39 feet 6 inches, which earned her first place and shattered the old school record by more than five inches. Meisinger also took first in the long jump with a mark of 17 feet 2 inches.

Hendricks said that he was pleased with Meisinger's performance and that her progression as a jumper at UNO was ideal.

"[Meisinger] has progressed well each of her three years here," Hendricks said. "She has gotten steadily better every year and I would like to see more athletes develop like she has. A lot of athletes will come in and perform well as a freshman, but level off soon after that and not get much better. Melissa hasn't done that, though. She has her own goals and she knows exactly what she wants to accomplish."

Events at the Northern Iowa meet are scheduled to begin at 10 a.m. Saturday. After the UNI meet, UNO will run another weekend with two meets. The Mavericks will return to South Dakota for the USD Invite and will also compete in the Tiger Classic at Doane College on February 9.



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viewers. Early odds were at 3:1 that Mariah shows more cleavage than the cheerleaders.

- Gamebreakers will make their presence felt. The Rams' Marshall Faulk and Kurt Warner are good for four touchdowns, while the Patriots' Troy Smith, I mean Troy Black ... or is it Troy Jefferson? I can't think of his name, but I could see him doing something noteworthy.

- Fox Sports broadcasters John Madden and Pat Summerall's last game together will be as adventurous as always. After Summerall states: "Fox's coverage of Super Bowl 30something will be back after these few sponsors return these important messages that I'll be more than happy to pass along," John Madden's response should go something like: "And you see here when Isaac Bruce catches this slant pass for seven yards there, then the Rams got another first down here, which tells me he knows that he just moved the ball

downfield, and I know that Mike Martz knows if you want to ... " Boy, I'll miss those

- After New England quarterback Tom Brady gets knocked out in the second quarter, ironically it will be backup passer Drew Bledsoe who'll feel deja vu. Five years ago in the same setting, Drew's Patriots kept it close for a while, before getting drilled by Green Bay 35-21 in Super Bowl XXXI. I suspect Drew might find himself in a similar situation this time around.

Last, don't be surprised if you find yourself telling your friends, "Just let me know when the commercials are on." Translation - the Patriots' chances of "making it a game" are about as slim as the chances of me not ending this brilliant performance with two words.

I'm late. 😉

The big concert update

compiled by Rae Licari

OMAHA:

102/05 Dust For Life --- Music Box

102/06 Agnostic Front -- Ranch Bowl

02/08 Soulfly — Ranch Bowl

02/10 Legendary Wailers --- Ranch Bowl

102/12 Lee Rocker — Music Box

102/15 Lennon — Ranch Bowl

02/16 Blue October — Music Box

02/18 Gwar - Ranch Bowl

02/20 Lars Frederiksen and the Bastards

- Ranch Bowl

102/21 Machine Head -- Ranch Bowl

02/28 Coco Montoya — Music Box

03/01 Agent Orange — Music Box 03/02 Hatebreed — Ranch Bowl

03/02 Desaparecidos — Sokol

!Underground

03/04 Dimmu Borgir — Ranch Bowl

03/07 Buckwheat Zydeco -- Music Box

03/13 Twiztid -- Ranch Bowl

03/21 Buddy Guy --- Ranch Bowl

103/27 DRI --- Ranch Bowl

103/29 NOFX — Ranch Bowl

04/08 311 — Sokol Auditorium

04/27 Danger Kitty --- Ranch Bowl

ILINCOLN:

102/02 Brave Combo — Zoo Bar

02/03 Trick Pony -- Royal Grove

02/14 Blue October --- Knickerbockers

02/26 Sick of it All - Knickerbockers 102/28 Jonathan Richman -

Knickerbockers

03/12 Ani DiFranco — Rococo Theatre

03/21 Gene Loves Jezebel —

Knickerbockers

103/25 Rob Zombie — Pershing Auditorium

AMES, lowa:

102/20 Ani DiFranco — Stephens

IAuditorium

02/21 Steven Curtis Chapman ---

Maintenance Shop

04/30 Dave Matthews Band -- Hilton

105/30 Jars of Clay -- Stephens Auditorium

LAWRENCE, Kan.: 102/08 Fu Manchu — Bottleneck

102/09 The Wailers - Bottleneck

02/14 Mates of State — Bottleneck

02/16 Right Between the Ears — Liberty

102/19 Lars Frederiksen and the Bastards

1 -- Bottleneck

02/21 Reverend Horton Heat --- Granada

02/23 Machine Head — Bottleneck

02/24 The Calling -- Bottleneck

02/25 Ani DiFranco - Liberty Hall

02/26 Jay Farrar — Granada

02/27 Sick of it All - Bottleneck

02/28 Better Than Ezra — Granada

03/08 The Good Life - Bottleneck

03/09 Twiztid -- Bottleneck

03/11 Atom and His Package -

Bottleneck

03/19 Le Tigre - Bottleneck 03/22 Less Than Jake -- Liberty Hall

03/26 And You Will Know Us By the

Trail of the Dead - Bottleneck

MINNEAPOLIS:

02/01 Big Bad Voodoo Daddy --- Quest

Club

02/01 Dazy Head Mazy — The Cabooze

02/02 The Nadas — Fine Line Music Cafe.

02/02 Big Wu — First Avenue

02/03 Big Wu --- First Avenue

02/05 Agnostic Front — First Avenue

02/08 Busta Rhymes --- First Avenue

02/09 Concrete Blonde --- First Avenue

02/10 Aaron Carter --- Target Center

02/10 Flickerstick -- Quest Club 02/12 Fu Manchu --- 400 Bar

02/14 Michelle Branch -- Quest Club

02/15 Fog --- First Avenue

02/16 Tangerine Dream --- First Avenue 02/17 Anti-Flag --- First Avenue

02/19 Gwar - First Avenue

02/20 Stephen Curtis Chapman —

Northrop Auditorium

02/20 The Calling --- Quest Club

02/21 Lars Frederiksen and the Bastards

— Quest Club

02/22 Machine Head - Quest Club

02/23 Iffy - First Avenue

02/25 Mushroomhead — First Avenue

KANSAS CITY, Kan.:

03/26 Rob Zombie - Memorial Hall

KANSAS CITY, Mo.:

02/01 Ultimate Fakebook — Hurricane

02/07 Static-X — Beaumont Club

02/07 Agnostic Front — El Torreon 02/15 Paul Oakenfold — Uptown Theater

02/15 Lee Rocker — Grand Emporium

02/15 Blue October - Hurricane

02/17 Creed - Kemper Arena

02/19 System of a Down — Uptown

Theater 02/28 Mushroomhead -- Beaumont Club

03/31 Nelly Furtado -- Uptown Theater

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7:30 to 8:15 p.m. Power Yoga HPER 231 with Keeley

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Noon to 1 p.m. - Cardio Kickbox HPER 230 with Chris

5:15 to 6:15 p.m. - Step 'n' Tone HPER 110 with Lily

5:30 to 6:30 p.m. -- Hydro Combo HPER Pool with Deanna

6:30 to 7:30 p.m. – C.A.P.S. HPER 110 with Audra

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Noon to 12:45 p.m. – Aqua Lunch HPER Pool with Dave

12:15 to 1pm - Yoga HPER 230 with Anne

4:15 to 5:15 p.m. – Basic Training HPER 110 with Deanna

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Friday Noon to 1 p.m. – Step HPER 110 with Chris

WELLNESS STAMPEDE EVENTS

Spring '02 Instructional Programs:

Class: Basic Course in Kundalini Energy Yoga: Developing the Mind-Body-Energy Connection

Connection
Instructor: Dr. Manoj Sharma Dates:
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8th. Time: 9:15 to 10:45am. Location:
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Cost: \$50-students, \$55-faculty/staff/ general public

Class: Beginning Golf: Instructor: Brandon Burns, Golf Pro (a) Pacific Springs G.C. Dates: Four consecutive Springs G.C. Dates: Four consecutive Saturdays - Feb. 16, 23, Mar. 2, 9 Time: Noon to 1pm. Location: HPER Golf Lab (Room 230) Cost: \$50-students, \$55-faculty/staff, \$60-community

Class: Golf Stroke Brush-Up: Instructor: Brandon Burns, Golf Pro @ Pacific Springs G.C. Dates: Four consecutive Saturdays - Feb. 16, 23, Mar. 2, 9. Time: Ipm to 2pm. Location: HPER Golf Lab (Room 230). Cost: \$50-students, \$55faculty/staff, \$60-community

Marty Hebert will again be instructing Swing Dance and Latin/Ballroom classes in the HPER Building for January/February. The classes will meet for 4 weeks. Classes begin January 27th, no classes on Feb. 3rd (Super Bowl Sunday), then the final 3 classes will be Feb. 10,17 and 24.

and 24.
The Latin/Ballroom meets from 12:30 to 1:30pm in HPER 230. The Swing Dance meets from 2 to 3 pm in HPER 230.
Cost is \$15 per person (\$13 for the 2nd person if you bring a partner). Those without Campus Recreation Activity Cards add 15%.
For more information, please call Days at

For more information, please call Dave at

Campus Recreation is sponsoring massage therapy the first and third Friday of each month. This Friday (18th) therapy will be held in MBSC at Student Health Services from 11:00-1:00 pm. To sign up for an available slot, call the campus recreation office at 554-2539 or stop by HPER 100. Each massage is 15 minutes and the cost is \$10. Our licensed massage therapist is is \$10. Our licensed massage therapist is Mary Baughman from Stress Management

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This day will include swimming, pizza lunch, the making (not just decorating!) of spring baskets and egg dying. Sign up in HPER 100 or contact Fran at 554-4941

The Walking Club still making strides.... The Club meets outside of the south entrance to Eppley, by the Pep Bowl, on Mondays and Thursdays from

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